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SECRETARY RICHARDSON MEETS WITH APA LEADERS  
ON RACIAL PROFILING ISSUES AND WEN HO LEE CASE

Washington, DC -- On Friday, October 13th, representatives of the Asian Pacific American Secretaries' Association met with Secretary Richardson. Secretary Richardson expressed his continued commitment to eliminating discrimination

- \* conduct an investigation through the Inspector General's office to assess whether
- \* revise contractor Diversity Plans within 60 days to address profiling based on
- \* expand the DOE Ombudsman's staff to further bolster the department's efforts to
- \* direct field managers to include compliance with the revised Diversity Plan as
- \* develop a plan by a coalition of contractors, laboratory directors and human resources

Further, the Secretary indicated that he is working with the Department of Justice to

Commented Nelson Dong, Secretary/General Counsel of the Committee of 100, "We conveyed the impact of racial profiling on our community, especially at the national laboratories.

"Systemic changes from top to bottom of DOE need to occur on the issues of continued discrimination

The Honorable Yvonne Lee, Member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, stated, "We will

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Jin Sook Lee, Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO

The other APA leaders in attendance included Vincent Eng, Legal Director, National Asian American